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January is board recognition month; make plans before the holidays

January is School Board Recognition Month, so districts should be sure to finalize their celebration plans before the holiday break. An OSBA tool kit posted at www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month offers resources for honoring board members, a proclamation from the governor and a poster. OSBA also will send personalized certificates for districts to present to their board members. District celebrations will be featured in the *Journal* magazine and on the OSBA website. Send news and photos of your events to **Crystal Davis** at cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. You also can submit materials online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php.

Columbus fills with school leaders for 58th Capital Conference

The OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show drew more than 9,400 public education leaders, staff, students and guests to the Greater Columbus Convention Center last month. Attendance was 9,465 at the nation's second-largest education convention, which ran Nov. 10-13. The conference featured hundreds of learning sessions, renowned keynote speakers, the largest education trade exhibition in the U.S. and the ever-popular Student Achievement Fair. OSBA has started planning for next year's conference, scheduled for Nov. 9-12.

OSBA presents its highest honor to five school board members

OSBA recognized the 2013 All-Ohio School Board on Nov. 13 at the Capital Conference. Receiving OSBA's most prestigious honor were: Dr. **Marguerite M. Bennett**, Mount Vernon City and Knox County Career Center; **Heidi Dolezal**, North Royalton City and Cuyahoga Valley Career Center; **Barbara Dysinger**, Findlay City; **Larry E. Holdren**, Ohio Valley ESC and Washington County Career Center; and **Joy Weaver**, Montgomery County ESC and Miami Valley Career Technology Center.

Wayne County's Susie Lawson will serve as 2014 OSBA president

The OSBA Delegate Assembly elected **Susie Lawson**, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center, 2014 president-elect during its business meeting at the Capital Conference. However, rather than serve a year as president-elect, Lawson will assume the presidency on Jan. 1, 2014, because 2013 President-elect **Jo Ann W. Feltner**, Franklin City, narrowly lost her November bid for re-election to her local board. Since OSBA officers must be current school board members, Feltner's loss prevents her from serving as president. Lawson is a 26-year school board veteran and has held a host of OSBA leadership positions. The OSBA Nominating Committee will meet in January to select the 2014 president-elect.

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OSBA President's Award goes to education leader

OSBA has bestowed one of its top honors — the President's Award — on **Robert Barkley Jr.**, retired executive director of the Ohio Education Association. OSBA President **Charlie Wilson, Worthington City**, presented the award to Barkley during the recent Capital Conference. Since 1980, the OSBA president has recognized an individual who has had a tremendous influence on Ohio public education. The President's Award is presented in recognition of dedicated leadership and commitment to public education.

Career center educator is Ohio Teacher of the Year

Wayne County Schools Career Center teacher **Debra J. McDonald** has been named Ohio Teacher of the Year. McDonald, a 19-year-veteran, teaches in the center's Early Childhood Education and

Care program. She also operates a fully functioning preschool at the career center where her students gain practical experience. In nominating her, administrators praised her contributions to the school community and teaching profession. McDonald also was recognized at the OSBA Delegate

Assembly meeting during the Capital Conference.

Capital Conference session handouts available online

Handouts from many of the breakout sessions at last month's Capital Conference are posted online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/90888>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

There was a whole lot of Capital Conference tweeting going on in November. From Nov. 6-14, there were 850 tweets with the conference hashtag #OSBACC, up 114% from the 2012 conference. Monday, Nov. 11, was the highest traffic day this year, when 331 tweets contained the hashtag. Seventy-seven percent of all tweets were sent by users on mobile devices. The iPhone was the most popular device, which accounted for 39% of all tweets; the iPad followed with 15% of all tweets.

Ohio principal climbs to school roof to promote reading

A **Paint Valley Local (Ross)** administrator recently took to the roof of a school to tout the importance of reading.

Paint Valley Elementary School Principal **Heather Bowles** climbed on top her building and greeted students with a giant copy of *If You Take a Mouse to School*. The stunt was in response to Pizza Hut's Read Your Heart Out Principal Challenge, an initiative of the pizza chain's Book It! program that coincides with National Young Readers Week. Principals across the country, like Bowles, took the time to read to students as part of the campaign.

Bowles spent an entire day reading to students inside the school.

"I want students to realize just how important reading is ... and that it can be fun," she told a local newspaper.

Source: *Chillicothe Gazette*



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BULLETIN BOARD

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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

① Clear Fork Valley Local
(Richland)

Deadline

Jan. 3

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Superintendent



Other searches

Position

Treasurer

District

North Ridgeville City

Deadline

Dec. 20

Contact

Dawn Fitz, HR/personnel coordinator,
North Ridgeville City, (440) 353-1114

National searches

Position

Executive director

Association

Kentucky School Boards
Association

Deadline

Jan. 10

Contact

www.ksba.org/employment.aspx

Board changes

Cleveland Municipal Board of Education member **Eric Wobser** announced his resignation effective Nov. 5.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Hillsboro City hired **James Smith** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace **Richard S. Earley**, who is retiring. ●●● **Mechanicsburg EV** hired Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning **Danielle Prohaska** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Dr. **Daniel R. Kaffenbarger**, who is retiring.

Editor's note

Job postings must be received six weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely publication. Thank you for your cooperation.

Treasurers

Licking Heights Local (Licking) hired **Margaret "Peg" Betts** as interim treasurer effective Oct. 31. She replaced **Jennifer Vanover**, who took the district's assistant treasurer position. ●●● **Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington Local (Brown)**

Treasurer **Adam Zink** announced his resignation effective Feb. 1. He has taken the treasurer position at **Hillsboro City** effective Feb. 1. He will replace **Deborah**

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Management Development Series #4:



School Transportation Survival Guide

Tuesday, Dec. 10
OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cost is \$150

Are you ready for the unexpected transportation emergency? Do you have enough buses to transport your students safely? Do your drivers meet the requirements for school bus operators, including background checks, drug and alcohol tests, driving records and training requirements? And in the worst-case scenario, if your transportation administrator resigns tomorrow, what do you need to do first, whom do you call and how do you get the job covered so it is not on your plate?

Join OSBA staff in this fast-paced discussion that will lead you through many of the aspects of student transportation — some of which you may have not thought twice about. We will help you understand what you need to have in place, what you need to know and how to keep transportation a support service that is *not* in your district's spotlight.

This course is intended to be a starting point for new transportation administrators, as well as a thought-provoking session for veteran school administrators, including superintendents and business managers, who are directly responsible for their district's pupil transportation services. Join us on this venture into cataloging what you have in place and what can be put in place through a professional development plan for your team that will help them and your district.

OSBA staff presenting at this workshop include **Van D. Keating**, director of management services; **Renee L. Fambro**, deputy director of labor relations; **Pete Japikse**, senior transportation consultant; **Mike Miller**, transportation consultant; and **Kenna S. Haycox**, policy consultant.

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
- 9 a.m. Introductions and overview — setting the stage
- 9:30 a.m. Operational issues
- 11 a.m. Safety and compliance issues
- 1 p.m. Governance
- 2:30 p.m. Uh oh ... what do we do now?
- 3 p.m. Adjourn

This workshop includes a working lunch (provided).

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

SchoolComp Safety Seminar



Friday, Dec. 13

Cost: \$150

OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Accidents and injuries can cost a lot of money. Although practicing safety in the workplace can prevent accidents and save an equal amount of money, avoidable accidents still occur.

When many school employees think about accidents, the focus becomes workers' compensation and safety. Yet, the other area of safety is

insurance. This workshop will look at accidents and safety from an insurance point of view. Exactly what issues or areas does school insurance cover and what are the major concerns and focus? How does safety training fit into the picture and does it overlap with workers' compensation? And where do students fit into safety plans and training?

Insurance experts from Ohio School Plan will discuss safety and liability issues from their vantage points, which can be different from the workers' compensation perspective. CompManagement representatives will close out the presentation with a discussion of recent, important changes in Ohio's programs that districts need to be aware of.

This workshop qualifies as four hours of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation safety training for districts that are required to meet the yearly safety training requirement.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9 a.m.

School safety and liability issues

Student activities; district-owned vehicles other than buses; training to reduce risk; and the Globally Harmonized System of Labeling

Noon

Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m.

School safety and liability issues discussion (continued)

1:30 p.m.

Workers' compensation program updates

2:30 p.m.

Adjourn

You do not have to be a participant in the SchoolComp Group Rating or Retro Rating programs to attend this seminar. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at www.oasbo-ohio.org or by calling (614) 431-9116.

Save \$200 on an OSBA customized workshop

OSBA's customized workshops allow your school district to tailor a workshop designed to meet your specific needs. These workshops are especially effective for leadership teams with new board members or administrators.

To facilitate positive new leadership teams, OSBA is offering districts registering at least one new board member for any of its New Board Member Academies in January one board development workshop at the discounted rate of \$600. The workshop must be held before March 31, 2014. For details, contact **Kathy LaSota** at kLasota@ohioschoolboards.org or (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

This new series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops will include a working lunch and time for questions. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.com/event_listing or contact Laurie Miller, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM #1 *RULES AND LAWS GOVERNING OHIO PUPIL TRANSPORTATION*

Wednesday, Jan. 8 • 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

Ohio schools transport more than 900,000 students daily, using approximately 13,000 school buses. These school buses, which have been repeatedly proven to be the safest form of pupil transportation — nearly 30 times safer than the typical passenger vehicle — travel nearly 1 million miles daily to accomplish this monumental task.

Because of this and other factors, pupil transportation is one of the most regulated services nationwide, as well as in Ohio. Recently, changes were enacted in a number of the administrative rules, as well as in the Ohio Revised Code through House Bill 59. This workshop will explore the various federal and state regulations that transportation administrators need to be familiar with to ensure that their student transportation is safe, dependable and compliant with both laws and best practices.

Join OSBA school transportation services staff for a fast-paced, in-depth discussion of current laws and best practices used throughout the state.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM #2 *PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION*

Wednesday, Jan. 22 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

In today's economic climate, school districts across the state are exploring cost-saving measures to streamline their budgets and maximize efficiencies. Because of this, several districts are considering payment in lieu of transportation.

The Ohio Revised Code provides detailed procedures districts must follow to determine transportation for a particular student is impractical. When followed successfully, this resolution leads to paying the parent in lieu of transportation, and subsequently bus service is not required.

This workshop will review the detailed steps that must be followed, discuss the reasons why it may be considered and help administrators and others better understand this option and how to successfully implement it.

OSBA Senior Transportation Consultant **Pete Japikse** will lead this session. As the former state pupil transportation director, he has firsthand knowledge of this process and what it entails.

Get up to speed quickly!

Don't miss the New Board Member Academy



Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- Jan. 11-12 at the Dayton Marriott, Dayton, or the Embassy Suites Cleveland-Rockside, Independence
- Jan. 18-19 at the Columbus Airport Marriott, Columbus, or the Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must move from the role of an involved citizen to that of a responsible elected official as soon as possible. High-quality board member training, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community.

This intensive Saturday-Sunday academy will focus on the world of boardmanship; communicating effectively; board policy 101; Ohio public school funding; transportation, policy and employee relations issues; and the Sunshine Law and executive sessions.

Cost for the workshop is \$200 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

Agenda

Saturday

8 a.m.	Registration and breakfast
9 a.m.	Welcome and overview
9:10 a.m.	Regional manager remarks
9:20 a.m.	Boardmanship — roles and responsibilities
10:30 a.m.	Coffee break
10:45 a.m.	Boardmanship — conduct and ethics
11:30 a.m.	Media relations and social media
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:15 p.m.	Legal
2:30 p.m.	Lightning round with OSBA school board services, communications services and legal services staff
3 p.m.	Legal (continued)
3:45 p.m.	Daily wrap-up

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Welcome back and overview
9:45 a.m.	Management services
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Management services
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Legislative issues, lobbying and finance
1:30 p.m.	Lightning round with OSBA management services and legislative services staff
2 p.m.	Legislative issues, lobbying and finance (continued)
2:45 p.m.	Wrap-up and adjourn

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.com/event_listing or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Management Development Series #4: School Transportation Survival Guide

☐ Dec. 10, Columbus, \$150

Choosing Your Board Officers

☐ Dec. 17, free webinar

So, Now You're a Board Member — Avoiding the Pitfalls

☐ Dec. 18, webinar, \$35

Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #1: Rules and laws governing Ohio pupil transportation

☐ Jan. 8, Columbus, \$90

New Board Member Academy

☐ Jan. 11-12, Dayton, \$200

☐ Jan. 11-12, Independence,

\$200

☐ Jan. 18-19, Columbus, \$200

☐ Jan. 18-19, Findlay, \$200

Board Meeting Best Practices

☐ Jan. 15, webinar, \$35

Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #2: Payment in lieu of transportation

☐ Jan. 22, Columbus, \$90

A Walkthrough of the New Days-to-hours Requirement

☐ Feb. 11, webinar, \$35

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

Attendee name _____ Title _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

District/firm _____ County _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or P.O.# _____ to cover _____ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481; fax to (614) 540-4100; or email Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



_____ Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends email confirmation of registration if an email address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, email or Web page 24 hours a day.

Award of Achievement/LPDC

Most workshops entitle members to Award of Achievement credits. Local Professional Development Committee certificates of attendance will be issued to all workshop attendees.

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org. Events are listed at the bottom of the page. You will need a username and password.



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toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Please include a purchase order number.

Cancellation and refund policy

- Cancellations received by OSBA at least five workdays before the date of the workshop will receive a full refund or no charge to the district.
- Cancellations received less than five workdays before the date of the workshop will be charged half of the registration fee.
- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.

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L. Lawwell, who took the treasurer position at **Chillicothe City**. ●●● **Youngstown City** hired current part-time Treasurer **James Reinhard** as treasurer effective Nov. 1.

Sympathies

Former **Avon Lake City** Board of Education member **Norbert F. Kloc** died Nov. 8. He was 72. ●●● **Rollie E. Gahler**, a member of the former **Benton Township** Board of Education in Ottawa County, died Nov. 12. He was 84. ●●● **John “Cliff” McKarns**, a member of the former **East Local** Board of Education in Carroll County, died Nov. 6. He was 93. ●●● **Geauga County ESC** Board of Education member and former **West Geauga Local (Geauga)** Superintendent **Robert L. Gilson** died Oct. 26. He was 80. ●●● Former **Leipsic Local (Putnam)** Board of Education member **Earl E. Goodwin** died Nov. 16. He was 83. ●●● Former **New Riegel Local (Seneca)** Board of Education member **Wayne A. Smith** died Nov. 3. He was 81. ●●● Former **Pandora-Gilboa Local (Putnam)** Board of Education member **Ray Burkholder** died Oct. 17. He was 96. ●●● Former **Wickliffe City** Board of Education member **Joseph R. Ferrari Sr.** died Oct. 1. He was 89.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

HB 264 Update — diabetes legislation

House Bill (HB) 264, co-sponsored by Rep. **Lynn Wachtmann** (R-Napoleon) and Rep. **John Barnes** (D-Cleveland), would place significant mandates on school districts serving students with diabetes.

Earlier this month, OSBA, along with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO), sent a call to action to school district leaders when there was concern that the bill would be scheduled for a vote in the House Health and Aging Committee. Even though HB 264 has not been scheduled for a vote, we are still encouraging school board members, superintendents and treasurers to contact legislators to

oppose the bill.

School districts already are required to comply with federal law and the recently updated rules for Section 504 plans. Districts must allow students with diabetes to be served under a 504 plan, if their parents so choose. Section 504 plans allow districts to serve diabetic students on an individual basis — not with one-size-fits-all mandates.

Districts must speak out, because HB 264, as introduced, represents an extreme expansion of services that goes beyond current federal law and what schools can and should be required to do. Further, we believe lawmakers are not aware of measures school districts currently take to serve the needs of diabetic students.

When contacting your

legislators, describe how your district serves these students and share the following concerns about the bill:

- HB 264 creates a cookie cutter model for serving all diabetic students.
- School districts should not be mandated to monitor and medicate all diabetic students beyond the regular school day, such as during before and after school activities. Under current federal law, Section 504 plans allow for this on an individualized basis.
- The bill includes mandatory training for school employees and bus drivers who have diabetic students in their care during the school day or after-school activities.
- Under HB 264, volunteers could provide this care; however, school

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districts must have trained staff available, with or without

volunteers.

OSBA, BASA and OASBO are

continuing to work with the sponsors of the bill and the American Diabetes Association to make changes as this legislation continues to be heard in the House Health and Aging Committee.

OSBA webinars

Learning delivered to your computer



Register for these webinars by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing. You also can register by contacting **Laurie Miller** at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Choosing Your Board Officers

Tuesday, Dec. 17 • 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. • Free webinar

Selecting your school board officers is more than just saying, “It’s your turn.” There are critical factors to consider as the board looks to be a strong asset in meeting the district’s goals. This free webinar will help you think about how to effectively select your school board’s leadership.

So, Now You’re a Board Member — Avoiding the Pitfalls

Wednesday, Dec. 18 • noon to 1 p.m. • Paid webinar • \$35

Hear the most common “new job” issues and challenges facing newly elected board members. Learn the expectations and realities of board work that all too often are not shared with board members. This webinar will help you be better prepared when you take the oath of office in January.

Board Meeting Best Practices

Wednesday, Jan. 15 • 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. • Paid webinar • \$35

In Ohio, there are many examples of best practices used regularly at board of education meetings. This webinar will share some of these best practices. You will have an opportunity to discuss these ideas and see if there are some you could implement.

A Walkthrough of the New Days-to-hours Requirement

Tuesday, Feb. 11 • 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. • Paid webinar • \$35

In 2013, House Bill 59 changed the minimum school year requirement for Ohio school districts. Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the minimum school year will change from 182 days to 455 hours for students in half-day kindergarten; 910 hours for students in grades one-six or all-day kindergarten; and 1,001 hours for students in grades seven-12. This webinar will walk you through the statutory changes and identify what steps boards can take now to prepare for the 2014-15 school year.

HB 237 — anti-Common Core legislation

HB 237, sponsored by Rep. **Andy Thompson** (R-Marietta), would repeal the Common Core State Standards in Ohio and void any actions taken to adopt or implement the standards. OSBA, BASA and OASBO do not support the provisions in HB 237 and have sent several calls to action about the legislation. In addition, Rep. **Gerald Stebelton** (R-Lancaster), chairman of the House Education Committee, personally urged school district leaders at the Legislative Update session at the OSBA Capital Conference to contact their legislators and testify in opposition to HB 237.

The House Education Committee recently held a second hearing on the bill where more than 40 witnesses submitted testimony and several hundred individuals attended the hearing, both in support and in opposition to the standards. OSBA presented joint testimony with BASA and OASBO in opposition to HB 237. The testimony can be found by visiting the OSBA BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker by searching “HB 237.”

The OSBA lobbyists would like to personally thank **Northeastern**

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Ohio teacher surprised with \$25,000 Milken Educator Award

A **North Royalton City** teacher recently received an unexpected honor: one of the nation's most prestigious education awards.

North Royalton Middle School teacher **Sarah Franko** was surprised with the Milken Educator Award in front of 1,100 cheering people during a fake assembly at the school.

The fifth-grade science teacher was shocked when her name was called for the award.

"I seriously share this with

every single person who has influenced the way that I teach, the person that I am and I love all of you," Franko told the crowd, according to a local TV station.

Franko is the only teacher in Ohio to receive the prestigious award, which includes a \$25,000 prize. She said she will likely donate some of the money to her school.

Franko is one of 40 teachers selected out of three million to receive the award from the Milken

Family Foundation. The foundation chose Franko because of her unique teaching style.

"We believe that she represents the top 1% of the profession because of her innovative practices," said Dr. **Jane Foley** of the Milken Educator Awards. "She has great results with her students. She is a leader in her profession. She is an unsung hero who has never been recognized before."

Source: WJW-TV

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Local (Clark) Schools board member **Linda Jordan** and **Dayton City Board of Education President Joe Lacey** for attending the hearing and testifying in support of the Common Core standards and in opposition to HB 237. Both Jordan and Lacey endured the six-hour hearing to declare their support for public education and share stories from the field about the investment their districts have made in preparing for the new standards while maintaining local control of the curriculum.

SB 220 — dual enrollment

Senate Bill (SB) 220, sponsored by Sen. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green), would remove

several provisions enacted earlier this year in the biennial budget bill, HB 59, that prevent school districts from charging fees in dual enrollment programs and under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program. It is currently pending in the Senate Education Committee.

OSBA, BASA and OASBO recently presented joint testimony in support of SB 220 to the Senate Education Committee. In particular, the associations expressed support for allowing the continuation of locally determined agreements that outline the educational and financial responsibilities for the high school and the institution of higher

education. We strongly believe this will be crucial in expanding and maintaining dual enrollment opportunities for students in the future. While we understand the state may wish to establish reasonable parameters for these agreements, local flexibility must be maintained.

A complete copy of the testimony can be downloaded by visiting the OSBA BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker and searching "SB 220".

For the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Nov. 22.

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- 22 Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #2..... Columbus
- 27 *Last day to submit certification for May income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
- 31 *Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2013 — RC*

3517.10; deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; last day to submit May emergency levy, current operating expenses levy or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to the election).

February 2014

- 1 Board Presidents Workshop. Rootstown
- 1 Board Presidents Workshop Dayton
- 4 *Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 5 *Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for May election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219 (C) and (G).*